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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
THROUGH: Acting Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Jordan Bureau--March 1987

## I. GENERAL

A. The prolonged uprising in the West Bank has caused some changes in how the Embassy operates the weekly non-procourier run to Jerusalem. Only security-cleared volunteers, and no guests along for the ride, are now allowed on the route. They are driven to the Allenby bridge by an Embassy driver and then driven to the Jerusalem Consulate by an Embassy driver from the Israeli side. Furthermore, those contemplating crossing the bridge are firmly advised that due to the volatile nature of the security situation on the West Bank, all U.S. Government personnel are restricted from travel there and that travel to and from the bridge is limited to official travel only.

B. Embassy personnel have been fascinated to observe the changes since the beginning of the uprising in programming for Jordan's foreign television channel. After the violence in the West Bank became well-established, the local TV second channel began a lengthy series of movies and documentaries on racism in South Africa and in the American south with an emphasis on nonviolent solutions such as the civil rights movement led by Dr. Martin Luther King. Finally, the station showed Attenborough's "Gandhi," clearly hoping to communicate the message of nonviolence and victory through peaceful persistence to watchers in both Jordan and the West Bank. The latest alteration in programming came at the last minute in the buildup to Palestine's Land Day, when the Jordanian second channel highlighted the film "Spartacus" on the night before the celebration followed by "War and Peace" on the evening of Land Day. We all hope not to view "Battle of Algiers" or "Apocalypse Now" anytime soon.

## II. OPERATIONS

### A. Monitorial/Editorial

The Islamic Conference Organization (ICO) foreign ministers held their 17th conference in IAmman from 21-25 March. Delegations from 44 Arab and Islamic states were in attendance. The conference's final statement asserted that the Palestinian question was the "crux" of the Arab-Israeli conflict, welcomed the Amman extraordinary summit resolutions, hailed the uprising in the

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occupied Arab territories, expressed solidarity with Saudi Arabia in the face of Israeli threats, criticized Iranian pilgrims behavior during the previous Hajj season, and reiterated the need to implement UN security Council resolution No. 598 on the Iran-Iraq war. Despite the unanimity of views expressed in the final statement, the Iranian delegation withdrew from the conference on 24 March because the "political committee passed some resolutions directly aimed at the Islamic Republic of Iran" and "heavy pressures were being applied by certain countries to steer the conference toward their special interests."

In addition, Syria opposed Egypt as the venue for the 1990 ICD foreign ministers conference and expressed reservations about resolutions it said were "not in harmony with the conference's announced desire to reach balanced and aspired solutions." Bureau coverage included the filing of numerous priority and above reports, statements, speeches, interviews, and editorials on the conference.

#### B. Communications

STAT The bureau experienced unusually heavy outages, over 36 hours of communications interruptions, during the month. In addition, even when we could communicate by our primary route with Headquarters and lateral consumers, we were hit by numerous lesser communications problems causing extensive garbling of copy, which involved a great deal of frustrating work filing corrections and spending hours on the phone [redacted] Even so, our publishable wordage for the month rose to over 400,000.

#### C. Technical

The bureau engineer and chief met several times with FBO personnel to discuss FBIS requirements and recommendations, particularly regarding the need for grounding of electrical equipment and antennas, and plans for power distribution.

### III. ADMINISTRATION

#### A. Personnel

Junior editor [redacted] was promoted to GS-10 in mid-February, an announcement unaccountably omitted from last month's report.

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#### B. Buildings and Grounds

The Embassy's ESO changed the combinations on our outer doors following the recent turnover in personnel.

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#### IV. VISITS

To the Bureau: George Malik, State Department Jordan desk officer, 31 March, who regaled us at length with stories of high-level department officials calling for their FBIS traffic daily and who promised to spread the news of his visit widely in Washington.

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Jordan Bureau Chief

Attachment:

Production Report

## Amman Bureau Production Report for MARCH 1988

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	401540
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	99770
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1071

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	8960.00	21360.00	153.00
(minutes or issues per week)	min.	min.	issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:  
(publishable words per month)

CLANDESTINE (Clandestine) al-quds Palestinian Arab Radio in Arabic	6730	
BAHRAIN Manama WAKH in Arabic		6720
Manama WAKH in English		3710
EGYPT Cairo AKHBAR AL-YAWM in Arabic		0
Cairo AL-AHALI in Arabic		0
Cairo AL-AHRAM in Arabic		14440
Cairo AL-AKHBAR in Arabic		3880
Cairo AL-JUMHURIYAH in Arabic		2330
Cairo AL-MUSAWWAR in Arabic		450
Cairo AL-WAFD Arabic		3580
Cairo ROSE AL-YUSUF in Arabic		0
Cairo UKTUBAR in Arabic		1600
FRANCE Paris Radio Monte Carlo in Arabic	19410	

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Paris AL-MUSTAQBAL in Arabic			670
Paris AL-WATAN AL-'ARABI in Arabic			9620
IRAQ			
Baghdad Voice of the PLO IN Arabic	23320		
Baghdad Domestic Service in Arabic	8460		
Baghdad Voice of the Masses in Arabic	58890		
Baghdad INA in Arabic		33800	
Baghdad INA in English		5450	
Baghdad AL-'IRAQ in Arabic			0
Baghdad AL-JUMHURIYAH in Arabic			0
Baghdad AL-THAWRAH in Arabic			2060
Baghdad ALIF BA' in Arabic			0
ISRAEL			
Jerusalem in Arabic to the Arab World	0		
JORDAN			
Amman Domestic Service in Arabic	17310		
Amman Domestic Service in English	2930		
Amman Television Service in Arabic	6440		
Amman Television Service in English	1850		
Amman Petra JNA in English		2150	
Amman Petra-JNA in Arabic		3500	
Amman AKHBAR AL-USBU' in Arabic			0
Amman AL-DUSTUR in Arabic			19430
Amman AL-QUDS in Arabic			0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Amman AL-RA'Y in Arabic			8790
Amman Al-Quds IN English			370
Amman JORDAN TIMES in English			15210
Amman SAWT AL-SHA'B in Arabic			5030
Amman THE JERUSALEM STAR in English			460
KUWAIT			
Kuwait AL-ANBA' in Arabic			6040
Kuwait AL-QABAS in Arabic			8050
Kuwait AL-RA'Y AL-'AMM in Arabic			7990
Kuwait AL-SIYASAH in Arabic			2300
Kuwait AL-WATAN in Arabic			0
Kuwait ARAB TIMES in English			2560
OMAN			
Muscat Domestic Service in Arabic	680		
Muscat QNA in Arabic			0
QATAR			
Doha QNA in Arabic			0
SAUDI ARABIA			
Al-Dammam AL-YAWM in Arabic			1850
Riyadh AL-JAZIRAH in Arabic			0
SUDAN			
Khartoum KUNA in English to KUNA Kuwait			0
Khartoum SUNA in Arabic		10940	

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Khartoum SUNA in English		10640	
SYRIA			
Damascus Voice of Iraq in Arabic	570		
Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic	39110		
Damascus Television Service in Arabic	1550		
Damascus SANA in Arabic		1760	
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES			
Abu Dhabi Domestic Service in Arabic	350		
Abu Dhabi WAM in Arabic		220	
Abu Dhabi AL-ITTIHAD AL-USBU'I in Arabic			1870
Abu Dhabi AL-ITTIHAD in Arabic			800
Al-Shariqah AL-KHALIJ in Arabic			0
Dubayy AL-BAYAN in Arabic			1590
YEMEN (YAR)			
Sanaa Voice of Palestine in Arabic	3040		
Sanaa Domestic Service in Arabic	11040		